



City of Norfolk

Virginia

Office of the City Council

September 30, 2019

The Honorable Kenneth Cooper Alexander Ph.D.
The Honorable Angelia Williams Graves
The Honorable Mamie B. Johnson
The Honorable Andria P. McClellan
The Honorable Paul R. Riddick
The Honorable Martin A. Thomas Jr.
The Honorable Courtney R. Doyle

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Section 12 of the City Charter, Section 2-2 of Norfolk City Council Rules of Procedure, I hereby call a special meeting of the Council to meet at 6:30 P.M., October 1, 2019, immediately following the scheduled Work Session, in the 10th floor conference room at City Hall to consider a Resolution.

Thank you,

Thomas R. Smigiel Jr.
Councilman, Ward 5

cc: Dr. Larry "Chip" Filer, City Manager
Mr. Bernard A. Pishko, City Attorney
Mr. Richard A. Bull, City Clerk

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A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AT BOOKER T. WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL AND MAURY HIGH SCHOOL AS THE FIRST PRIORITY FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF REVENUES IF AND WHEN RECEIVED FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RESORT CASINO IN NORFOLK.

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WHEREAS, in the first half of 2018 the Pamunkey Indian Tribe, the only federally recognized tribe in Virginia with the right to engage in tribal gaming, and its development team expressed interest in developing a resort casino near Harbor Park ("Pamunkey Proposal"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council vigorously pursues the development of revenue sources for the City and new jobs for our residents; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the Pamunkey Proposal, the Pamunkey Indian Tribe and its development team ("Pamunkey development team") were the only entity eligible to develop and operate such a resort casino in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and

WHEREAS, the City hired consultants expert in gaming, namely Stuyvesant, and lawyers expert in gaming and federal law applicable to Indian tribes, namely, Holland & Knight; and

WHEREAS, the City administration and its gaming experts evaluated the Pamunkey Proposal and met extensively to negotiate with the Pamunkey development team securing important terms for the City such as regulating the property through an Intergovernmental Agreement instead of by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, City administration briefed the City Council members individually and as a body on six (6) occasions (full Council briefings were held during council meetings on August 28, 2018, September 25, 2018, July 2, 2019, July 23, 2019, August 27, 2019, August 28, 2018, September 10, 2019 and September 24, 2019) and the Pamunkey development team met with City Council members individually and made themselves available for any follow-up concerns; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2019 the City Council requested LEED certification, additional storm water drainage, Elizabeth River Trail accommodation and payment for the costs of additional public transportation and these were accepted by the Pamunkey development team along with the terms negotiated from July 2018 onward; and

WHEREAS, the Pamunkey development team communicated that it was important to ask City Council to formally support the Pamunkey Proposal before October 2019; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2019 City Council approved an ordinance to be effective on October 23, 2019 for the sale and development of land near Harbor Park for a resort casino; and

WHEREAS, capital improvement projects at Booker T. Washington High School and Maury High School are the first priority of the expenditure of the sale of land and other predevelopment revenues if and when received; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Norfolk:

Section 1:- That if and when the City receives revenues from the option to purchase, the sale of land for a resort casino, or its development prior to the opening of a resort casino in Norfolk, those revenues will be dedicated to funding council priorities concerning education capital improvement projects for Booker T. Washington High School and Maury High School.

Section 2:- That this resolution shall be in effect from and after its adoption.

Adopted by Council October 1, 2019
Effective October 1, 2019

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TESTE:

RICHARD ALLAN BULL, CITY CLERK

BY:

ADISA MUSE, CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK